

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, characterised in that the method further comprises the steps of:

presenting to the user, via the user interface, a second plurality of variants of a second one of said plurality of components;

receiving from the user an indication of the a second variant selected from the second plurality of variants; and

presenting to the user via the user interface a graphical representation of the first selected variant of the first component in a predetermined relationship to the second selected variant of the second component.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 3, characterised in that the method further comprises the step of graphically animating the positioning of the second variant of the second component in the predetermined relationship to the first variant of the first component.

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 4, characterised in that the method further comprises the step of interactively animating the positioning of the second variant of the second component in the predetermined relationship to the first variant of the first component, where the interactively animated assembly is controlled by user commands.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 5, characterised in that the method further comprises the step of transmitting order information to a production management system, the order information including configuration data identifying

the first variant of the first component and the second variant of the second component.

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7. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, characterised in that the method further comprises the step of transmitting an information signal to the inventory management system, the information signal representing an identification of the selected variants.

10. (Amended) The system according to claim 9, characterised in that the system further comprises:

third display means adapted to present a second plurality of variants of a second one of said plurality of components;

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second input means adapted to receive an indication of a second variant selected from the second plurality of variants; and

third display means adapted to present a graphical representation of the first selected variant of the first component in a predetermined relationship to the second selected variant of the second component.

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13. (Amended) The system according to claim 12, characterised in that the graphical representation of the first variant of the first component in the predetermined relationship to the second variant of the second component is a three-dimensional rendering of the first variant of the first component in the predetermined relationship to the second variant of the second component.

14. (Amended) The system according to claim 13, characterised in that the system further comprises transmitting means adapted to transmit order information to a production management system, the order information including configuration data identifying the first variant of the first component and the second variant of the second component.

15. (Amended) The system according to claim 14, characterised in that the system further comprises transmitting means adapted to transmit an information signal to the inventory management system, the information signal including an identification of the selected variants.

16. (Amended) Use of a method according to claim 1 for customising a medical application device.

17. (Amended) A computer program comprising program code means for performing all the steps of claim 1 when said program is run on a computer.

18. (Amended) A computer program product comprising program code means stored on a computer readable medium for performing the method of claim 1 when said computer program product is run on a computer.

19. (Amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave, comprising program code means for performing all the steps of claim 1 when said program is run on a computer.